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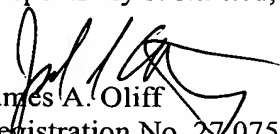
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- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of references 3 and 4 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 3-4)

- ☒ 5. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publications have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-4.
- ☒ 6. Relevance of reference 4 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 7. Reference 1 corresponds to JP A 10-73178 which is cited in the specification.

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